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Title: *Methods and Compositions for Treating and Preventing  
Retinal Neovascularization*  
Inventors: Erwin Sl et al.  
Our Ref. No.: 13587.286

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5. a copy of the Supplemental Form PTO-1449 one (1) page with one (1) accompanying reference.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error, and respectfully request its withdrawal.

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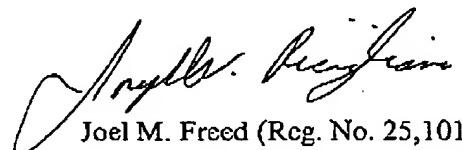
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